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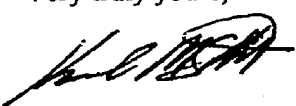
Re: Enclosed § 1.116 Amendment  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/026,466  
Our Ref: KUD.051

Dear Examiner Nguyen:

Responsive to the March 24, 2003 Office Action, enclosed please find an Amendment, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

  
Kendal M. Sheets  
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